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STOP, BOOK AND LISTEN

I went to my local library today and decided to get a few MAD magazines since I was saving some money to get presents for Christmas. I went over to the magazine section and the magazines were gone! I went to the front desk and asked the librarian what happened to them and she said, "What do you mean?" She walked over to the section and looked around but there was only the new issue of MAD on the rack. She said "I'm not sure where they went" and walked back to the front desk. I was depressed that I wouldn't get my daily dose of MAD(ness) so I started looking at other magazines. I found a small box labeled "U.S. history" in the corner and when I checked inside I found the magazines! I never realized MAD was so influential! Hopefully if you post this I can have a piece of U.S. history for myself.

Tad Becker, Ottawa, IL

Tad To The Bone — Yeah, that IS a weird place for MAD to be, and yet, oddly enough, that's exactly where it should be, according to the Dewey Decimal system. That's why you'll find MAD Kids in the "Automotive Repair" section and MAD Classics in "Gay/Lesbian Studies." You don't want to know where they keep Al Jaffee's *Snappy Answers to Stupid Questions* books! —Ed.

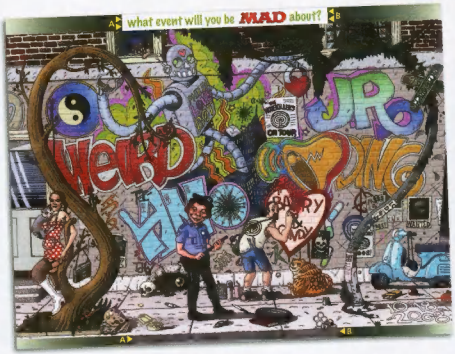
WEDDED DISS

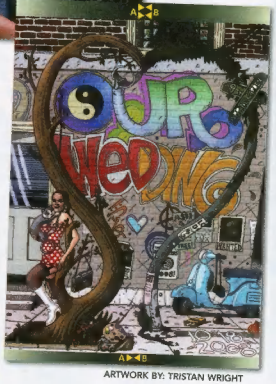
For our wedding invitation, we used art fashioned after MAD's Fold-in. We thought the staff would enjoy seeing it — our best to Al Jaffee!

Cindy Hodgson and Barry Halkin, Havertown, PA

Cindy-ana Jones and Barry the Cable Guy — Congratulations on your wedding! We can't wait to see your Spy Vs. Spy-themed divorce announcement! —Ed.

THE HAPPY COUPLE





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SHUT THE PUCK UP

As you know, hockey season has begun, and I'm nuts for hockey. There isn't a thing in the world I'd do without it. But my question is, when are you going to have any funny comic strips or something that relate to hockey? You guys always seem to come up with other things that relate to movies and the hottest things on the market, not to mention the presidential election. But I'm getting so sick and tired of hearing about it! My favor to ask from you guys is, could you please put some hockey comics or print some hockey jokes?

Travis Mathe, Plover, Wisconsin

Mathe Lab — Here's a hockey joke for you:

Knock Knock!

Who's there?

Hockey!

Hockey Who?

Hockey is a terrible sport. Maybe that's why MAD never does any articles on it! —Ed.

STUDY AS SHE GOES

I am in the 5th grade and in Hebrew school. Could you please please please help by giving me an excuse to stop Hebrew school or regular school for that matter? P.S. Mazel tov!

Zach Segal, Palo Alto, CA

Zach Of All Trades — That's easy! For regular school, just say "My dog ate my homework." For Hebrew school, try "My dog noshed on my homework!" Enjoy the free time! —Ed.

ALFRED E. LOOK-A-LIKE

Allow me to introduce my cousin Jed. He has been ridiculed by his extended family for the past 10 years for his resemblance to your illustrious mascot. Hopefully getting his mug in the Letters and Tomatoes department will earn him the place in history he deserves.

Curtis Cook, Ontario, Canada

JED E. NEUMAN

Common Curtisy — We're almost positive getting his mug printed here will keep him pretty much unknown and unpopular, which is the place in history he deserves! —Ed.

MAGNUM POEM LAUDE

MAD ABOUT MAD MAGAZINE

When folks ask me
what is my favorite magazine?
I turn and run away.
For if I told them the awful truth,
they would think I was surely deranged!

For I am a 62-year-old lady
who recently graduated
from a well-known college.
I should have better taste
after four years of knowledge!

But I'm mad for MAD Magazine
and will always be.
So keep it coming
because your number #1 fan since 1956
is me!

Irene Brodsky, Proud 62-year-old recent graduate, Brooklyn College, Class of 2007

It Ain't Easy Being Irene — You should be very proud of yourself, but we're going to guess that your major wasn't in poetry! See ya on the unemployment line! —Ed.

MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

Here is a photo of our recent encounter with John Hodgman ("PC" in the Mac ads). He was signing his book, *More Information Than You Require*, in an Atlanta bookstore. Imagine his horror as I explained to him how he made the top spot on your list of "50 Worst Things About Advertising" (MAD #482).

James Klausmeyer, Roswell, GA

JOHN AND JAMES CONTEMPLATING THE WORST THINGS ABOUT ADVERTISING

Santa Klausmeyer — Looking at your picture, he isn't as annoying without that goofball Mac guy from the commercials standing next to him. We'd write more, but our PC keeps freezing! Congratulations on your three-year subscription! —Ed.

A REAL ROB STORY

My mom's (AND MY!!!!) car got stolen. Two days later, I got my first MAD magazine. It made me laugh so hard I forgot that I had to use my rental or bike if I wanted to get around. Keep being hated by everyone who isn't funny.

Nick Papajcik, Edwardsville, IL

Big Papa — Wait, we're confused. Your car got stolen and then you got an issue of MAD? Was that part of your insurance settlement? You may want to look into Geico — they probably would have gotten you an issue of MAD Classics as well! Thanks for writing and happy biking! —Ed.

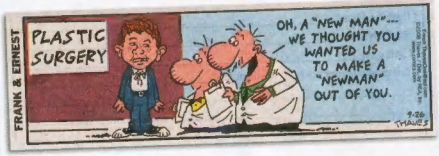
MAD BLURBS

You wouldn't suspect it from his success as an adult, but award-winning children's book author Jon Scieszka read MAD when he was a kid! In his new book, *Knucklehead*, he shares stories about growing up — including trying to explain what MAD is to the displeased nuns who taught him in grade school...

Well, the other character in our book is also kind of like the spies in "Spy vs. Spy." They are always tricking each other by — yes, Sister? No, Sister. It's not a TV show. No, Sister. It's not a cartoon. They are little stories without any words. Yes, Sister. In a magazine. MAD magazine. I see, Sister. Probably sinful, too. So. Um. Well. Ahhh. The characters in this book...aren't like anything else I know.
So I learned not to mention TV or MAD magazine or cartoons in school ever again. But I still think they were some of the best and funniest and craziest stories around.

STRIP TEASED

Sharon Helms-Dulin of Reidsville, NC sent us this hilarious, yet poorly spell-checked, comic strip about our mascot Alfred E. NEUMAN. You know, we'd expect this kind of sloppiness from "Funky Winkerbean," but not you, "Frank & Ernest"...not you.

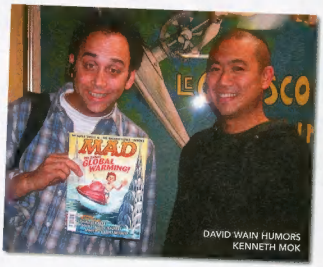


MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS II

David Wain (Stella, *Role Models* and *The State*) dropped by my previous workplace while editing his movie trailer for *The Ten*. Although Mr. Wain was ready to bounce to his next A-List, Hollywood meeting, he had time to pose with MAD.

Kenneth Mok, Burbank, CA

Mok It To Me— Is that a Blue-tooth on his ear? Wow! He really IS a big mover and shaker! And by the by, why is it your "previous workplace?" Did you get fired for constantly harassing celebrities to take pictures with you and your MAD? Congrats on your three-year subscription! —Ed.



DAVID WAIN HUMORS KENNETH MOK

READER ALERT

Readers who had their letters printed in this month's issue will receive the game *20Q The Simpsons* courtesy of our friends at Radica Games. For those of you who weren't so lucky, don't have a cow man, it's on sale now!

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A THRILLING LOOK AT THE NEW TRUMP DEBACLE, DEAD CELEBRITY APPRENTICE!

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Constable Dowd pondered the clues and the suspected killer. Soon he was picturing Yvette, the tall, shapely French maid of Morley Manor. She wasn't the killer; she wasn't even a suspect. He just enjoyed picturing her in his head.

NEXT MONTH: "The Snake in the Trousers"!

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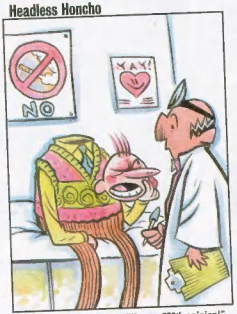

"Oh yeah? Well I believe I'll get a 739th opinion!"

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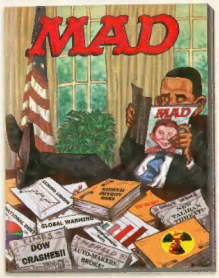

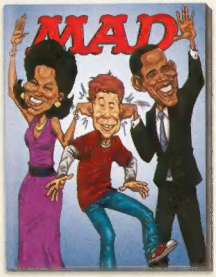

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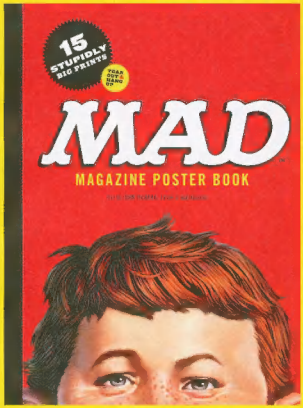

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Comedy is a tough business. Take it from us — as a comedy magazine, we know a thing or two about comedy! Actually, we know just a thing about comedy — that it's a tough business. We also know that stand-up comedy is *particularly* tough! Okay, so technically, we know roughly one-and-a-half things about comedy. Still, in an effort to learn more, we fully intend to read...

MAD'S 12 SUREFIRE TIPS FOR STAND-UP COMICS

WRITER: JEFF KRUSE
ARTIST: RICK TULKA
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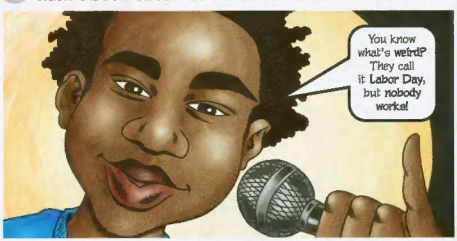
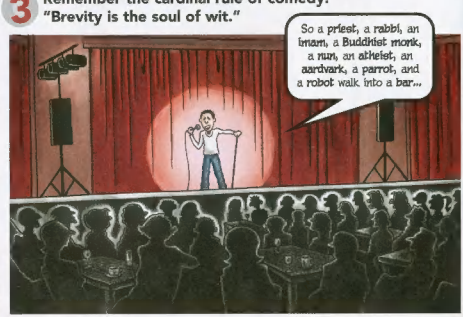
1 Keep all political humor current

What's the deal with Warren G. Harding, huh? You have to be a pretty lame president to be involved in a scandal named after a teapot!

2 Observational humor only works when it hasn't been observed 73 trillion times before.



3 Remember the cardinal rule of comedy: "Brevity is the soul of wit."



4 Carve out a unique niche for yourself that no one else has tried.

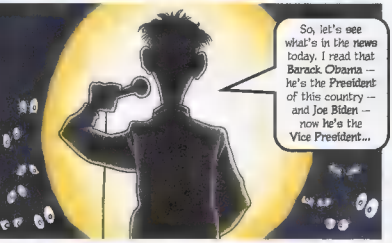
5 Leave the feminine comedy to women.

6 It's possible to be too creative

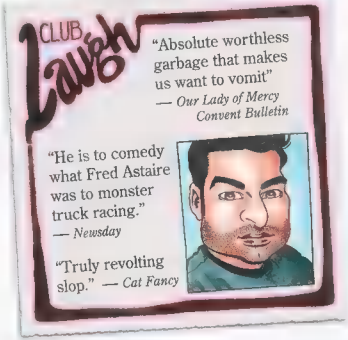
You know what I wonder about? What if Elmer Fudd was a gay mafia don, and he had a summit meeting with the King of Denmark, who could only communicate with semaphore flags. I think it would go something like this...

7 Racial jokes are racial jokes, no matter how you try to soften them.

8 **Don't underestimate your audience's intelligence.**

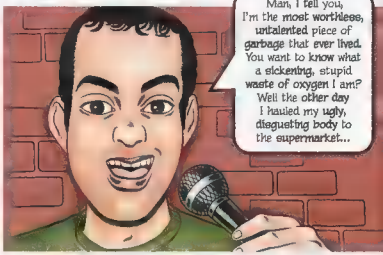

So, let's see what's in the news today. I read that Barack Obama — he's the President of this country — and Joe Biden — now he's the Vice President...

9 **When advertising for your show, it's generally best to only include positive critic quotes.**

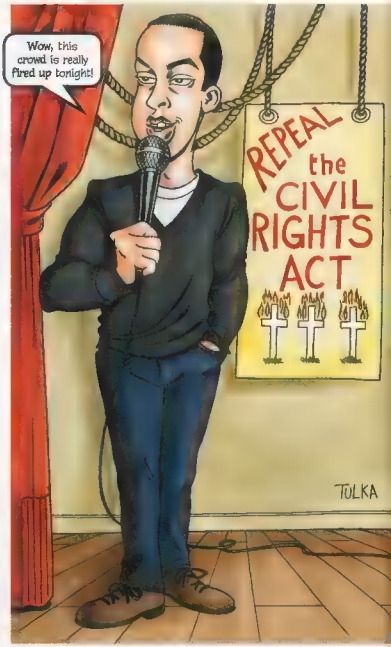

CLUB Laugh
"Absolute worthless garbage that makes us want to vomit"
— Our Lady of Mercy Convent Bulletin
"He is to comedy what Fred Astaire was to monster truck racing."
— Newsday
"Truly revolting slop." — Cat Fancy

10 **Simply throwing out pop culture references with no context isn't going to work.**

11 **Self-deprecating humor is usually successful, but don't go overboard with it.**


Man, I tell you, I'm the most worthless, untalented piece of garbage that ever lived. You want to know what a sickening, stupid waste of oxygen I am? Well the other day I hauled my ugly, disgusting body to the supermarket...

12 **Doing comedy for a cause is great, but choose the cause carefully.**



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An important message from MAD's Director of Business & Development,

JEFFREY LOZENGE

It was once said, "Don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes." It was also once said, "Don't shoot!" And it was also once said, "Please pass the chicken gravy."

My point is that people say a lot of things. And I say a lot of things too, for example, everything I just said. Which brings me to MAD — yes, MAD — the magazine whose time is and was and continues to be — also says a lot of things. But the less said about that the better.

Someone else who wasn't me once said, "Give me liberty or give me death." Whoa Nellie! (This is me talking again, not that other guy who wasn't me.) Who wouldn't choose liberty over death? That's a no-brainer!

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MAD EXPOSES WHO'S THINKING WHAT AT THE OBAMA INAUGURATION

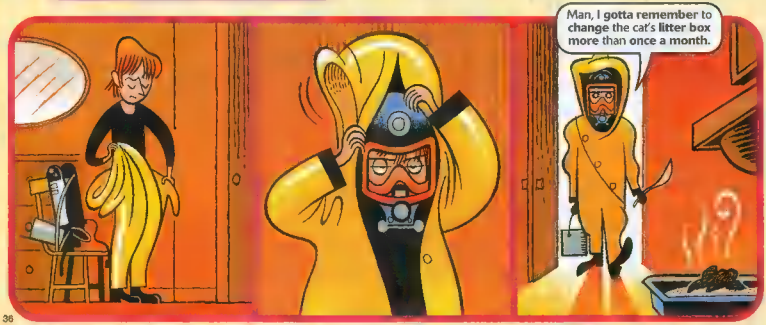
Mmmm... Michelle, you sleek little Nubian princess!
This is truly a great day for minorities in America! A man with hair plugs is now Vice President of the United States!
To think that this all started with a five dollar bar bet...
I can't wait to start crushing this liberal bastard's progressive agenda with ■ 5-4 Supreme Court decision!
So we're getting ■ puppy. Looks like Barack and I are BOTH going to spend the next few years getting barked at and cleaning up horrible messes!
There's ten seconds left before he's sworn in. I still have time to capture Bin Laden!
If Bill comes within 20 feet of Sarah Palin, I'm gonna get Jesse Jackson to cut his nuts off!
You know, I've softened. I don't want to cut off his nuts any more. I'd be happy just to give him ■ wedgie!
Look at him — the second most powerful African-American in the country!
I can't believe this guy is succeeding me as President!

WRITERS:
DESMOND DEVLIN, JEFF KRUSE, JACOB LAMBERT, FRANK SANTOPADRE AND DENNIS SNEE

ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND

Hi, Ted. What's new?
My pet died last month.
Sorry to hear it!
I visit his grave every single day.
Oh, you must've really loved him.
No, I didn't.
He was a goldfish. I flushed him down the toilet!

C'mon boy, pee outside! Pee outside!
Hey, I've heard of that dog whispering stuff! Does that really work?
I have no idea.
I was yelling at him all morning. Now I have laryngitis.


Man, I gotta remember to change the cat's litter box more than once a month.

You are no longer free to move about. It's....

MONROE and... The Plane Trip

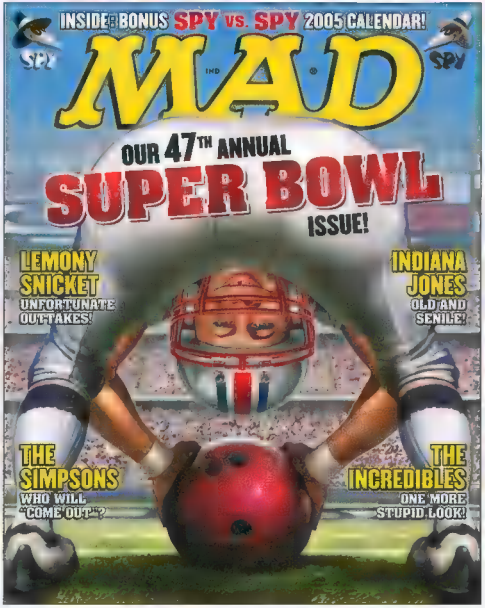
ALOHA, PARENTS! THAT MEANS "HELLO," BUT MOSTLY "GOODBYE." SIGN HERE, PLEASE.
WHOA. SLOW DOWN.
YEAH, LAST TIME YOU TRICKED US INTO SIGNING YOU UP FOR HEALTH CARE.
ALL THE DAMN RED TAPE IT TOOK TO CANCEL THAT...
IT'S A SCHOOL TRIP.
OH FINE. TAKE OFF.
IT'S TO HAWAII!
AND WHO'S SHELLING OUT THE COCONUTS FOR THIS LITTLE LUAU?
THE SCHOOL IS SPONSORING IT, BUT I'M GOING FOR FREE!
KEEP YAPPIN'.
FROM WHEN I SOLD THE MOST MAGAZINES FOR THAT SCHOOL CHARITY THING. I WON!
THAT'S RIGHT. EVERYONE THOUGHT YOU WERE ONE OF THE FEEBLE CRIPPLED CHILDREN.
YEAH, YOU MADE A MINT IN FRONT OF THAT MALL. WE SHOULD WORK THAT SCAM MORE OFTEN.
IT WASN'T A SCAM! LOOK, JUST SIGN! COME ON, LET'S GO. HERE'S A PEN.
WHAT'S THE BIG RUSH? WHAT DON'T YOU WANT US TO SEE?
JUST SIGN!

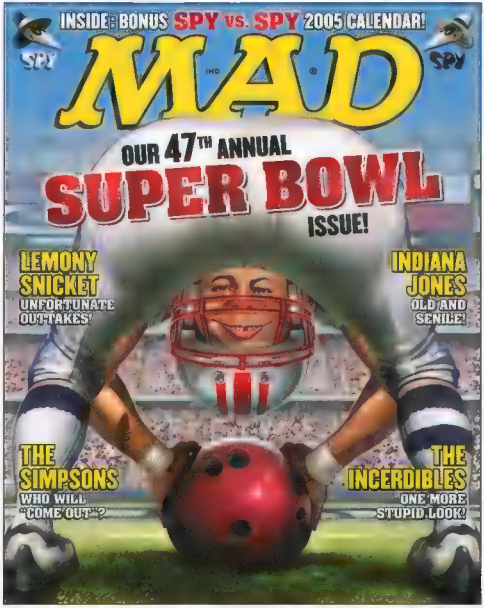
WRITER: ANTHONY BARBIERI ARTIST: TOM FOWLER COLORIST: CARL PETERSON

SO, DIRTY FIGHTING?
WHY NOT? HERE, LOOK AT THIS PEN, I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO SHOVE IT THROUGH A HAND.
AHH!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE! FEDERAL AIR MARSHAL! DROP THE PEN!
OH, FOR THE LOVE OF GOD.
I WAS JUST TEACHING HIM THE PEN POKE.
IS THIS MAN AFFILIATED WITH YOUR SCHOOL GROUP?
THROUGH SOME CRUEL TWIST OF FATE, YES, I SUPPOSE SO. AND HIS WIFE, WHEREVER SHE IS...
IN HAWAII, THEY SPEAK WITH THEIR HANDS.
HERE, LET ME HELP YOU ADJUST THAT SEAT BELT.
AWESOME! KEEP TALKING!
MONROE'S MOM, PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR SEAT AND LEAVE CHETLY ALONE.
ALL RIGHT, FOLKS, EITHER YOU SETTLE DOWN OR I'LL ESCORT YOU OFF THE PLANE.
YOU GOT IT, COPPER.
WE DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT ON HAWAII!
THIS IS MY ONLY CHANCE...
NO, I WILL NOT SETTLE DOWN! LET US FREE! KICK US OFF THE PLANE! I DARE YA!
OKAY, THAT'S IT! LET'S GO!
LEMME AT THAT KID!
YOU DID IT, MONROE! YOU'RE OFF.
HELL, YEAH. NOW NO SCHOOL FOR A WEEK.
BUT NOBODY TO HANG OUT WITH.
DON'T WORRY, HE'LL BE HANGING OUT WITH US.
ALL WEEK!
ALL RIGHT, FOLKS, WE'VE BEEN CLEARED FOR TAKE-OFF. IN CONSIDERATION OF YOUR PATIENCE, PLEASE ENJOY SOME COMPLIMENTARY DRINKS. MAHALO.
OH YES. IT'S GONNA BE A LOOOOONG WEEK.

WHAT THE HECK IS THE DIFFERENCE?

Can you find the 9 idiotic changes we've made to this magazine cover?



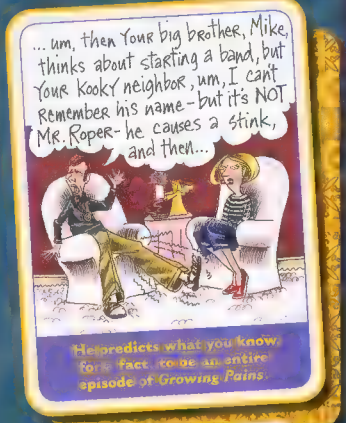


1) Alfred's head is right-side-up. 2) His face mask is flipped around, too! 3) All three stripes on the helmet are now red. 4) There's an extra hole in the bowling ball. 5) There's an extra stripe on the right sock. 6) Alfred has a spy tattoo on his left arm. 7) There's an extra seam in the middle of Alfred's pants. 8) The closest yard marker is missing on the field. 9) "The Incredibles" is misspelled.

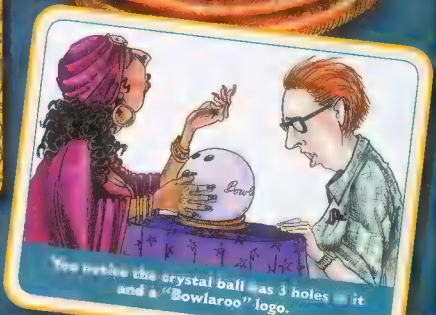
SEER SUCKERS DEPT.

When picking a psychic, you have to be careful. If you rush into things, you might end up with a phoney baloney fortune teller that's completely full of crap! But if you do your research, you'll wind up with a phoney baloney fortune teller who's just *mostly* full of crap! It's a delicate science to pick the frauds from the superfrauds, and MAD is happy to provide these:

TELL-TALE SIGNS THAT YOU'VE GOT A REALLY BAD PSYCHIC


... um, then Your big brother, Mike, thinks about starting a band, but Your kooky neighbor, um, I can't Remember his name - but it's NOT Mr. Roper - he causes a stink, and then...

He predicts what you know for a fact to be an entire episode of *Growing Pains*.

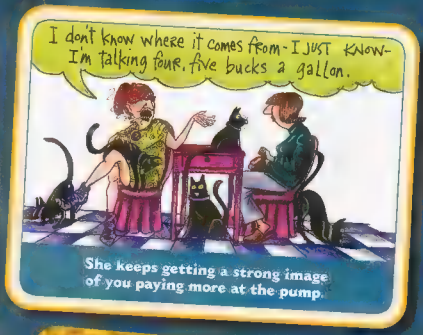


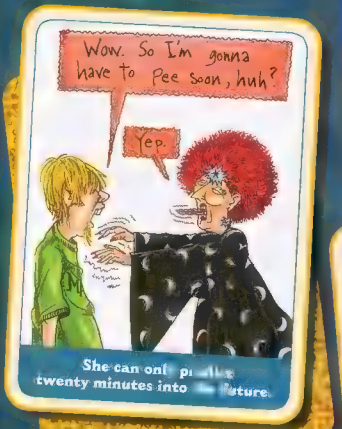
You notice the crystal ball has 3 holes in it and a "Bowlaroo" logo.

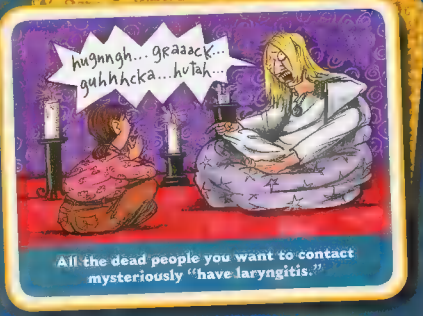
His trance state involves a lot of snoring.

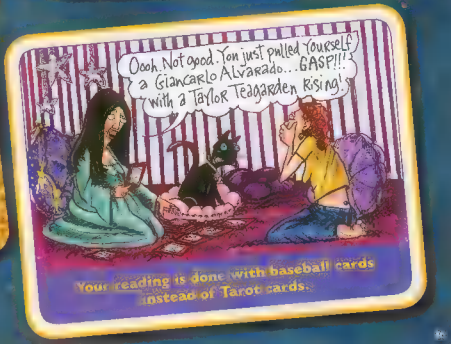
Your lucky numbers are sensed through the energy your credit card emits.

...oh Yes, and take comfort in knowing she's experiencing absolutely zero static cling!
An article of clothing from your missing cousin reveals she is somewhere Downy fresh.


I don't know where it comes from - I JUST KNOW- I'm talking four, five bucks a gallon.
She keeps getting a strong image of you paying more at the pump.






Oooh. Not good. You just pulled yourself a Giancarlo Alvarado... GASP!!! with a Taylor Teagarden Rising.
Your reading is done with baseball cards instead of Tarot cards.

WRITER AND ARTIST:
TERESA BURNS PARKHURST

The First 100 Minutes of the Obama Presidency

The news media typically reviews a new President's performance after his first 100 days in office, using it as a barometer to measure the Commander-in-Chief's effectiveness. We say pshaw! (And that's not so easy to say!) MAD believes we can find out everything we'll need to know about Barack by reviewing...

WRITERS: BILL FIBBERS AND FRANK SANTOPADRE ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN

00: **Finish up inaugural address**

01-02: Round up Michelle and kids, give finger to Bush and Cheney, head to Oval Office

03: **Remove stupid flag pin from lapel**

04: **Rescind order that all White House TVs be set to FOX News**

05-06: **Send thank you note to George Bush for helping me get elected**

07: **Schedule weekly brunch with Bill Ayers**

08: **Submit Keith Olbermann's name for Presidential Medal of Freedom**

09: **Fill out change of address forms**

10-13: Sneak out to Rose Garden for a quick smoke

14-16: **Watch trailer for new *Star Trek* movie**

17-19: **Begin fundraising for 2012 campaign**

20: **Reject request for exclusive interview with *Black President* magazine**

21-22: **Pressure Harry Reid to appoint Jeremiah Wright new Chaplain of the Senate**

23-24: Scrape eight years worth of chewing gum off the bottom of the Oval Office desk

25: **Go on Facebook; put out a friend request to Ahmadinejad (with no preconditions)**

26: **Remind Biden to "shut his f*#king cakehole"**

27: **Check Amazon's ranking of *The Audacity of Hope***

28-30: Organize pick-up basketball game with Supreme Court: Robes vs. Skins

31-34: **Sneak out to Rose Garden for a quick smoke**

35: **Decline Barney Frank's invitation to *Sex and the City* marathon**

36-37: **Make some calls; arrange for Cheney to be put up at Walter Reed after his next heart attack**

38: **Screw with Secret Service agents by shouting out, "Hey, it's almost prayer time, which way is Mecca?!"**

39: **Send mash note to Doris Kearns Goodwin**

40-41: Line new puppy cage with worthless GM stock

42: Call Oprah, put her on hold just to mess with her

43: Send mother-in-law packing to an "undisclosed location"

44: Turn down Ed McMahon's bailout request

45-48: Sneak out to Rose Garden for a quick smoke

49-51: Give *SNL*'s Fred Armisen some pointers on his lame Obama impression

52: Tell Rahm Emanuel to hold off sending dead fish to Joe Lieberman

53-57: Send note to every girl who rejected him in high school on stationery marked "Office of the President of the United States"

58: Order I.R.S. super-audit of Sean Hannity

59-60: Look into getting discount on that Obama Presidential Coin Set

61-62: Pull CIA Black Ops forces out of Iraq; send them to Joe the Plumber's house

63-64: Turn down Bush's request to donate to his "Presidenshul Liberry"

65-67: Delete "private" Scarlett Johansson photos before surrendering Blackberry to Secret Service

68: Plan first extended Camp David vacation to coincide with March Madness

69-72: Try to break 70 on *Guitar Hero*

73: Go on Facebook; poke Hugo Chavez

74: Have FBI investigate rumor that Henry Paulson spent two billion of bailout money on lottery scratch-off tickets

75-78: Sneak out to Rose Garden for a quick smoke

79: Deny Bill Clinton's request for round-the-clock Lincoln Bedroom access

80: Submit Tom Daschle's name as a contestant on *Deal or No Deal* as way of helping balance budget

81-82: Get Michelle to ditch J. Crew and start dressing more like Beyoncé

83: Sign executive order authorizing Delta Force to cut off Jesse Jackson's nuts

84: Just to be different, appoint staff members based on intellect and competence

85: Rescind Bush order to drill for oil in Arlington National Cemetery

86: Send *Dreams From My Father* screenplay to Denzel Washington

87: Set alarm for 3 a.m. in order to crank call Hillary

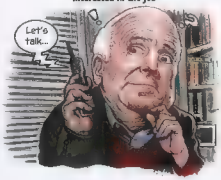
88: Politely decline Xzibit's offer to "Pimp My Presidential Ride" by adding spinning rims

89: Remove dunking stool, iron maiden and other "conversation pieces" from Cheney's office

90: Pardon Mike Myers for *The Love Guru*

91-99: Do a little blow

100: Call John McCain, see if he's still interested in the job



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WHAT TRANSITION OF POWER ARE MANY AMERICANS STILL FEELING UNEASY ABOUT?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS
MAD FOLD-IN

In the coming months, there will be a shift in leadership that has some hopeful, but many concerned. Although change can be good, if it's not handled well, then it is certainly no laughing matter. To find what conversion has some people staying up late at night, fold page in as shown.

FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

A FOLD PAGE OVER LEFT

B FOLD BACK THAT "A" MEETS "B"

LET'S GET USED TO THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO WAY TO STOP CHANGE. THE ONLY WAY TO CONTINUE IS FOR ALL TO DO THE BEST THEY CAN

A B

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POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE ECONOMIC MELTDOWN

- Your excuse to mooching beggars that you don't have any money will, for once, be believable.
- You can take your credit cards on a no-holds-barred, take-no-prisoners shopping spree, secure in the knowledge that by the time the bills are due, most of the stores will have gone out of business.
- Your suggestion to your parents that they should have Angelina Jolie adopt your kid brother will at last be given serious consideration.
- Your cash-strapped parents won't be so argumentative when you tell them you want to drop out of college.
- Just the sight of pompous stock brokers on the unemployment line is worth a dozen Depressions.

LELIEVRE AND LET DIE

CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH BETTING ODDS

This Month
TYRA BANKS

Cannibalized by starving *America's Next Top Model* contestants.....2:1

Mauled to death after mistaking a live badger for one of her many, many wigs.....4:1

Fatal dehydration from all the crocodile tears shed for guests.....8:1

Mysteriously crushed to death after referring to herself as "the female Oprah".....12:1

Suicide after one too many people mistake her for RuPaul.....20:1

Succumbs to emotion after a heated debate with Henry Kissinger over post-Soviet U.S. policy on episode of *Tyra*.....765,000,000:1

Ways to Make Sure You Don't Lose Your Job in These Tough Times!

1. Stress to your boss that you're a team player. Be sure to point out other employees who are not team players and who should be let go immediately.

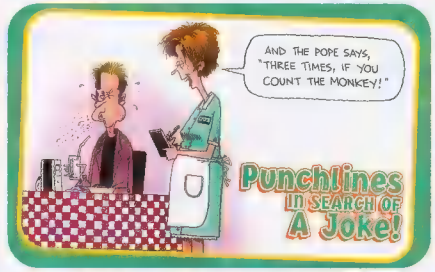
2. Be agreeable. Laugh at everything your boss says. Be sure to listen carefully, though, just in case.

3. Loudly comment, "I don't know what I'd do if I lost this job. I'd probably come back with a shotgun and blow off the head of every freakin' person who works here!"

4. Always be conscious of your boss' needs. In the men's room, hand your boss a paper towel and brush off any lint you might see on his jacket. This shows respect and it's excellent practice if you get fired and have to get a job as a men's room attendant!

5. Being part of a professional organization can raise your profile and increase your stature in a company. Joining the mafia, however, is never a good idea.

6. Since budgets will be scrutinized much more carefully, embezzle less.



MELVIN & JENKINS' GUIDE TO COLD SYMPTOMS

Jenkins starts taking plenty of fluids and vitamin C at the first sign of a head cold.

Melvin is just one flu season away from completing his boogersnot "Mona Lisa."

THE GODFREY REPORT	IN	FIVE MINUTES AGO	OUT
	Custard	Pudding	Flan
	Gymnasts	Acrobats	Tumblers
	Bread lines	Food banks	Soup kitchens

SMART BORED DEPT

Sure, there was drama, sure there was controversy, sure there was a history in the making, but in election '08, the one thing there was more of than anything else was statistics — dull, dry, mind-numbingly unnecessary statistics! The news channels' efforts to get into the minds of the voting public (and fill hundreds of hours of airtime) led to a landslide of...

LAME ATTEMPTS BY TV TO EXPLAIN THE 2008 PRESIDENTIAL VOTE

AMONG PEOPLE WHO VOTED *FOR* OBAMA/BIDEN...

12% TV viewers who thought the black President on *24* did a pretty good job.

8% Job seekers who had huge gaps on their résumés and hope that with Obama as President a lack of experience will become fashionable.

22% FOX News Channel viewers who were hoping an Obama victory would give Colmes the courage to finally punch out Hannity.

4% Guilt-ridden Republicans who wanted to make amends for George W. Bush.

11% *Oprah* viewers hoping to make her so insanely happy she might give everyone in America a new car.

.0000003% Undecided voters persuaded by Barbra Streisand's endorsement.

AMONG PEOPLE WHO VOTED *AGAINST* OBAMA/BIDEN...

26% Churchgoers who couldn't understand how Obama could pal around with a minister who hates all of America instead of just its gays, feminists and liberals.

31% People who claimed that they aren't voting against Obama because he's black, but who voted against Obama because he's black.

9% Sensitive souls who felt uncomfortable voting against a man because he's part African-American, but who felt totally comfortable voting against him because he's totally Muslim.

5% Traditionalists who questioned Obama's judgment for not stepping aside in favor of someone closer to core Democratic principles, like John "I can't keep it in my pants" Edwards or Hillary "My husband can't keep it in his pants" Clinton.

2% D.C. cabbies who feared the most powerful person in the world might be that nice, well-dressed black man they refused to pick up so many times.

14% TV viewers annoyed if Biden for not having the guts to appear in a crappy *SNL* sketch like the other candidates.

AMONG PEOPLE WHO VOTED *FOR* MCCAIN/PALIN...

8% Deluded debate watchers who still think that Sarah Palin was winking only at them.

13% Homeless people who hoped that once McCain was in the White House they could move into one of the multitude of houses he forgot he owns.

21% Schizophrenics who could relate to someone who's an "experienced insider" one day and a "maverick" the next.

17% Sitcom lovers, already used to watching the exploits of a dumpy, bumbling schlub paired up with a foxy-looking mate.

4% Southerners all tingly with nostalgia when they heard Palin's husband is part of a group that wants Alaska to secede from the United States.

30% Enthusiastic Obama supporters who had the word "change" ringing around in their heads so much, they got confused and changed their vote to McCain.

.0000003% Undecided voters persuaded by Chuck Norris' endorsement.

AMONG PEOPLE WHO VOTED *AGAINST* MCCAIN/PALIN...

17% Pissed-off Ohio homeowners who didn't want that their plumber was hanging around with McCain instead of snaking their clogged toilets.

28% Late night talk show fans who didn't want to suffer through four years of old-age jokes.

5% Voters who entered the voting booth intending to pull the lever for Tina Fey and Darrell Hammond, but when they didn't see their names, voted for Obama.

9% Bumped chauvinists who hate any man who has a hot-looking second wife.

10% Sickened people who couldn't get the image of a pit bull wearing lipstick out of their heads.

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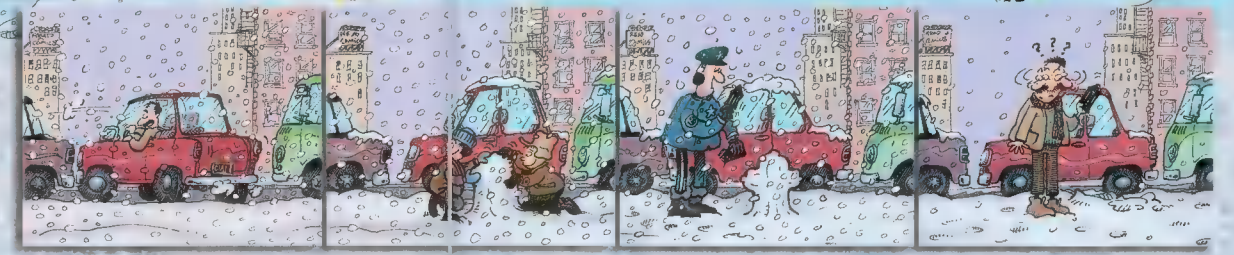
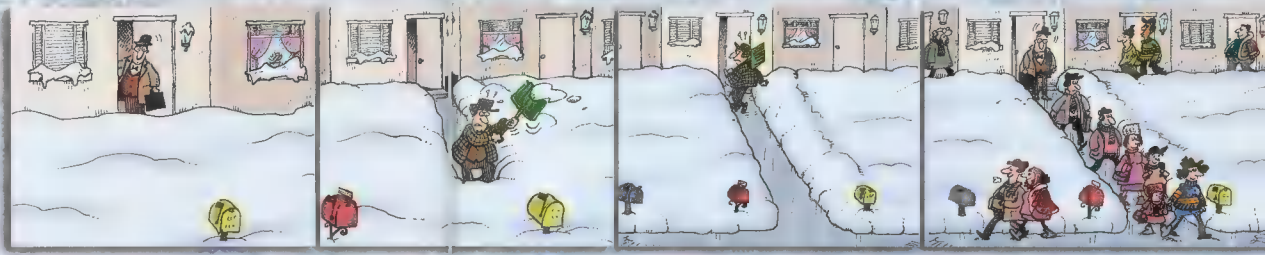
SERGIO ARAGONES PRESENTS A MAD LOOK AT SNOW





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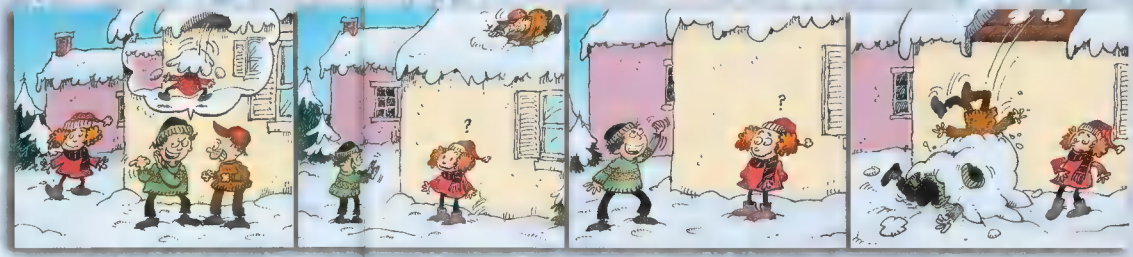

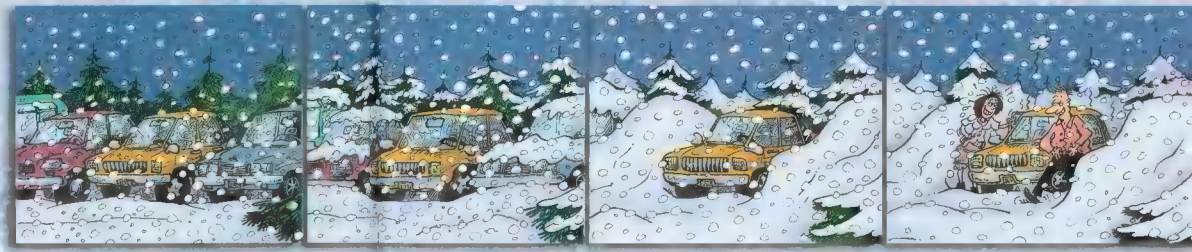

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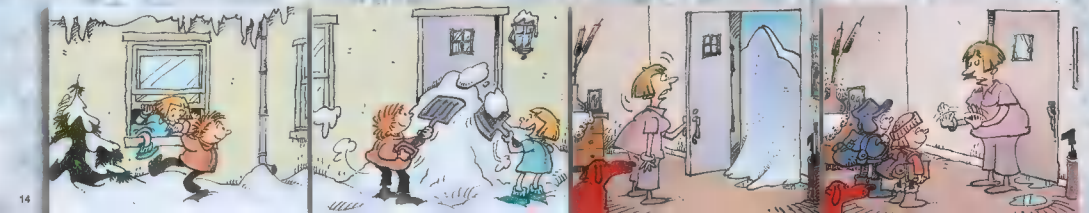

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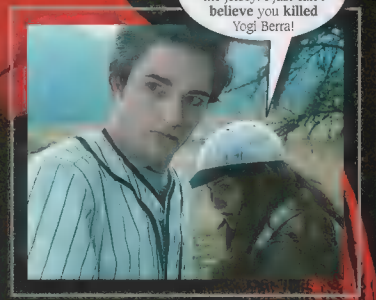

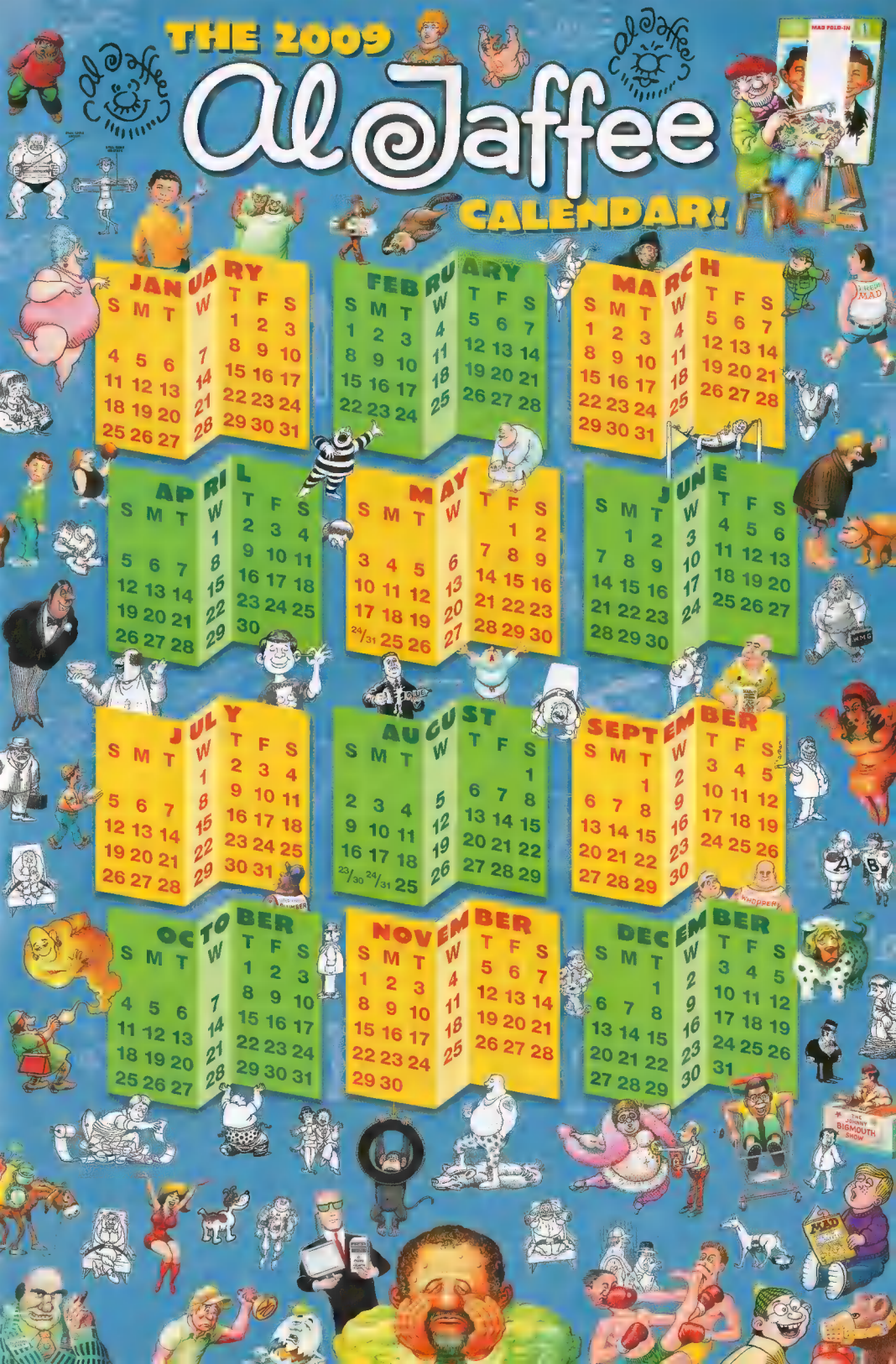
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THE JOHNNY BIGMOUTH SHOW
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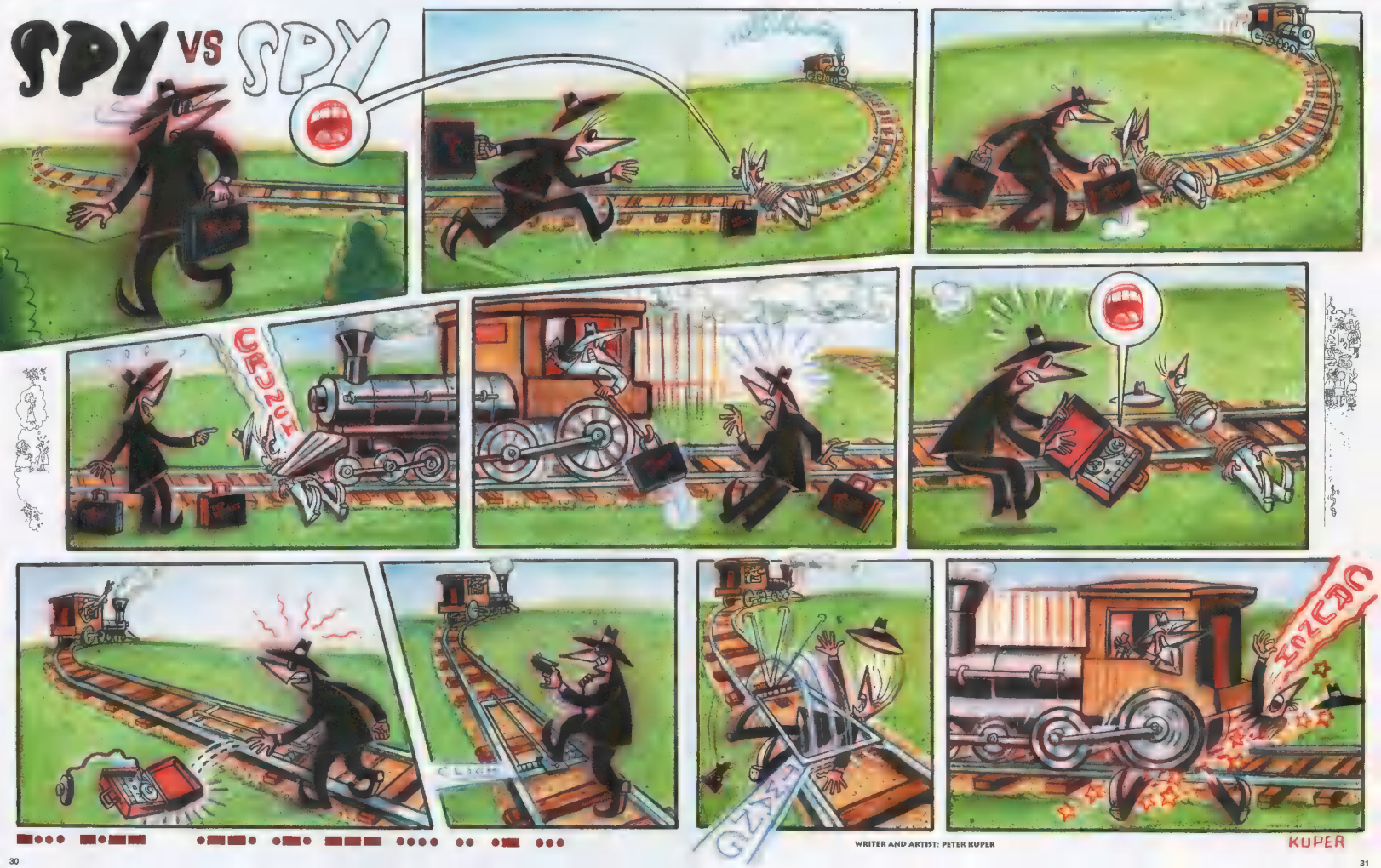
KNOPPERY

Wow, who knew all you had to do to get elected was have presence, charisma and a personality?
Oh no! It's the Green Goblin! Oh, wait...it's just Harriet Miers.
I hate to be cynical, but I still see a way the GOP could steal this one!
He still hasn't said how he'd tax my non-existent fantasy business!
Maybe I should have gotten this dress cleaned before I wore it again!
One black guy, all alone and dominating 500 white guys? Been there, done that!
Wait, which one is Obama again?
I got cochlear implants for this? Oh, Christ, when will the OxyContin kick in?!?
They may have the White House and the House, but that's still nine fewer houses than we have!
Big deal! This can't hold a candle to the 1923 Coolidge inauguration!
I can't believe a terrorist from the country of Africa is President!
What a moment! To use an appropriate metaphor, it's as historic as a blind wolverine trying to win the big go-cart race!
Goddamn nice of the RNC to get us tickets to this!
Wow, what a crowd. If only this many people watched 30 Rock...
I just hope that putz Biden doesn't ask me to stand up!



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When Adults Say... Remind Them...

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ARTIST: PETER BAGGE

When you say or do stuff that adults don't like or understand (which, let's face it, is all the time) they're quick to criticize and let you know how much more "evolved" they were back when they were "your age." The truth, of course, is that they were *far* more moronic than you ever were or will be — and you'd be doing them a BIG favor by pointing that out! So remember:

When Adults Say...
I respected my elders when I was your age...

Remind Them...
...Back then, it was still okay to whip the living crap out of kids.

When Adults Say...
When I was young we didn't sit around all night and play video games...

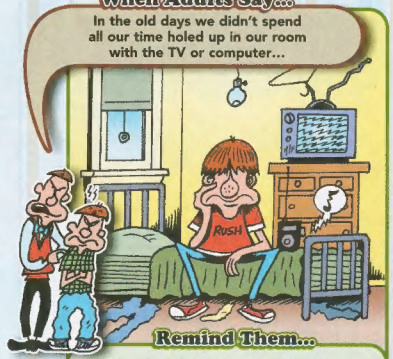
Remind Them...
... They had to *stand* around all night and play video games.

When Adults Say...
You don't appreciate all that our generation has done for yours...

I HAD TO DIP INTO MY NEWBORN'S COLLEGE FUND TO PAY FOR IT..
BUT HOW COULD I PASS UP A CHANCE TO BUY THIS AWESOME MONSTER TRUCK?
CHUGGA CHUGGA

Remind Them...
...You would, but you're not sure that global warming, war and crushing student loans are actually good things.

When Adults Say...
In the old days we didn't spend all our time holed up in our room with the TV or computer...



Remind Them...
...Their bedroom "entertainment system" consisted of a 14-inch black and white television and a transistor radio with an earpiece.

When Adults Say...
In my day we didn't wear our pants around our butts...

Remind Them...
... That's because it would've interfered with the noble sweep of their bellbottoms.

When Adults Say...
Years ago we didn't waste our nights staring at "the MTV"...

Remind Them...
... They were too busy wasting time staring at the "multiverse" in their lava lamps.

When Adults Say...
We didn't spend every single night reading about stupid celebrities...

Remind Them...
...*Tiger Beat* came out just once a month.

When Adults Say...
Today's video games are pointless and dumb...

Remind Them...
...They spent two years of their life absorbed by the hair-raising thrill of *Pong*.

What kind of dog do you want? Collie? Terrier? German Shepherd?
No, no, no.
Bulldog? Spaniel? Mutt?
No, no, no!
I want one that does stupid tricks I can put on YouTube!

You look a little sad, honey.
I am – a little. Miss Jennings died today.
Your English teacher died?
No, my goldfish. I name all my goldfish after her.
Really? That's so sweet!
Not really.
I do it so every couple months I can say "Miss Jennings died today."

IT'S REIGNING CATS AND DOGS DEPT.

The MAD WORLD of... PETS

What's that?
A totally automated self-cleaning kitty toilet. Every few hours it cleans itself and deodorizes the litter!
I don't smell anything. It works great!
Yeah, and the fact that I don't own a cat helps too! I just love gadgets!
WHIRRRRRRRRRRRRR

Puddles! Thank God Mr. Fairmont got you down from that tree!
Mr. Fairmont, how can I ever repay you?
Well, for starters...
You can get me down!

WRITER: STAN SINBERG ARTIST: MARC HEMPEL

Having a helper monkey is really great. He fetches my slippers...
He gets me the newspaper...
He even makes me dinner!
That's amazing!
Yeah, there's just one problem.
What's that?
SPLAT!

"AND SAID WINNER'S PARENTS ARE ENTITLED TO JOIN THE SAID WINNER AS PARENTAL CHAPERONES"!
YOU KIDDING? I ALREADY HAVE MY FIRST THONG PICKED OUT.
I GUESS IT'S TOO MUCH TO HOPE THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO GO.
YUMMY. I HOPE IT'S THE SUEDE ONE.
UGH!
HEY, MR. BINES. THESE ARE MY PARENTS.
HELLO, MR. AND MRS...
JUST CALL US MONROE'S MOM AND DAD.
SURE, WHATEVER... I'D LIKE TO GET THE KIDS TO USE THE RESTROOMS NOW BEFORE WE START BOARDING.
I GOT THIS ONE.
DAD. PLEASE. NO.
ALL RIGHT, KIDS, LISTEN UP. BEFORE WE SHIP OUT, GENTLEMEN, LET'S DRAIN THAT MAIN VEIN! AND LADIES, GRAB A SQUAT AND HIT THE POT!
MAYBE THEY WON'T KNOW HE'S WITH YOU.
IF ANYONE HAS QUESTIONS, I'M MONROE'S DAD.
AND CHECKMATE.
NOT HELPING.
HOW DID YOUR PARENTS END UP COMING WITH YOU?
THEY READ THE FINE PRINT.
I THOUGHT YOU SAID THEY'D BE TOO HAMMERED TO READ.
I MESSED UP. HAPPY HOUR STARTED LATE THAT DAY. AT NOON.
WELL, LOOK AT THE BRIGHT SIDE. IT'S NOT GOING TO GET MUCH WORSE.
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW WRONG YOU ARE.
HEY, YOU'RE THAT JOLINDA GIRL, AREN'T YOU?
YES, DO I KNOW YOU?
YOU'RE THE GIRL THAT MONROE DRAWS ALL THEM NUDIE ART PICTURES OF!
HE WHAT?!?!
HE DRAWS SUCH DETAILED PICTURES OF YOU, WE FEEL LIKE WE KNOW YOU. LIKE HOW A DOCTOR WOULD KNOW YOU.
I'LL KILL HIM!
YOU KNOW, WE WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT YOUR TATTOO. IS IT A DRAGON?
NO, IT'S AN EAGLE, RIGHT?
SHE'LL NEVER SPEAK TO ME AGAIN.
NO CHANCE. NUDIE PICTURES ARE WAY CREEPIER THAN JUST STALKING.
ATTENTION PASSENGERS: WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN BOARDING. PLEASE HEAD TO THE GATE WHEN YOUR ROW IS CALLED.
OKAY, SO THAT'S GOOD, AT LEAST WE'RE ON OUR WAY.
THREE HOURS LATER...
FOLKS, WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE THREE-HOUR DELAY. WE'RE JUST WORKING OUT SOME KINKS WITH A DOOHICKEY. THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE.
YOU KNOW, MONROE, YOU SEEM A LOT MORE STRESSED OUT THAN EVERYONE ELSE.
YEAH, BECAUSE MY PARENTS ARE GETTING TO KNOW EVERY KID IN SCHOOL AND VICE VERSA. IT'S LIKE THEY'RE SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY.
WHICH ONE IS THE ENEMY? PARENTS OR CLASSMATES?
TAKE YOUR PICK. I GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE. NO WAY IS HAWAII WORTH THIS.
MAYBE IT'LL BE LIKE THAT FINAL DESTINATION MOVIE AND YOU'LL GET OFF THE PLANE AND EVERYONE ELSE DIES.
HAVE YOU BEEN READING MY JOURNAL?
MONROE, DID YOU KNOW PONG HERE'S PARENTS OWN THE PHARMACY WHERE WE GET YOUR BACKNE SALVE?
NO. I DID NOT KNOW THAT. TERRIFIC.
HE'S ALWAYS TOO ASHAMED TO GO TO THE STORE HIMSELF.
SO THAT'S FUN. WHAT ELSE? OH, YOUR FRIEND DYLAN SAYS HE'S GONNA WHUMP YOUR ASS IN HAWAII AND I TOLD HIM I'D LIKE TO SEE HIM TRY.
WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?
BECAUSE I THINK YOU COULD TAKE ALL THESE GUYS.
ARE YOU NUTS? REALLY?
LISTEN, KID, A QUICK HEEL STOMP TO THE FOOT, SOME SALT IN THE EYES, A HEAD SMASHED IN A REFRIGERATOR DOOR. THAT'S HIGH SCHOOL.

PUT IT ON MY TAB-LOID DEPT.

MAD'S ALL-INCLUSIVE CELEBRITY SCANDAL DO-IT-YOURSELF BLOG POSTING

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In a (1) _____.com exclusive, our sources have learned that (2) _____, who is best known for their role in (3) _____, made the mistake of exposing their (4) _____ to (5) _____ at a star-studded benefit for (6) _____.

This comes after a scandal last month, when pictures showing the star kissing (7) _____ were released (8) _____. A spokesman blamed the mishap on (9) _____, adding that her client was (10) _____ and unavailable for comment.

1. TMZ
Perezhilton
Gawker
TheSuperficial
Netflix
Wikipedia
aljazeera
TrannyGranny
CindyMcCain
VirtualColonoscopy

2. Amy Winehouse
Kim Kardashian
Bristol Palin
the tennis-loving Geico Caveman
Rachael Ray's prep cook
Jerry "The King" Lawler
Alan Greenspan
Reverend Jeremiah Wright
Naruto
some YouTube douche-nozzle

3. *Ocean's 13: The Musical!*
outing Neil Patrick Harris
O.J.'s Vegas trial
a doomed *McLaughlin Group* spin-off
the "4Girls and 2Cups" video
their own family's home movies
the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy
those Head-On commercials
Pamela Anderson's hepatitis contraction
the Hamas takeover of Gaza

4. bank account PIN number
giant, fake boobs
love of Webkinz
ignorance of the Sino-Russian War
tattoo of K-Fed
complete lack of shame
pair of Spanx
film negatives
desire to fist-bump Michelle Obama
theory about *Lost*

5. paparazzi
nearby orphans
disinterested silence
the non-singing Pussycat Dolls
courtroom sketch artists
gamma radiation
Dateline's Chris Hansen
the buttery taste of Fleischmann's margarine
the concept of evolution
Larry King's suspender wrangler

6. Mr. Kite
Flavor Flav's favorite shortie
restless leg syndrome
a homeless Ed McMahon
Doctors Without Barnes and Noble
Jews for Jesus Alou
Hillary Clinton's cankles
Chronic priapism
John Edwards' love child
bovine psoriasis

7. Paris Hilton
Brody Jenner
the ass of some record executive
the pinkie ring of Don Anthony "The Gooch" Casapedini
Rudy Giuliani in drag
an empty bottle of tequila
Oprah's gal-pal Gayle
Joe Biden
Teamsters for 5 bucks a pop
their pathetic little career goodbye

8. into the wild
as a free download on iTunes
to members of their online fan club
in specially marked boxes of Cheerios
after a humiliating game of Simon Says
at an undisclosed location
rectally
via parachute
direct to DVD
into the custody of Dina Lohan

9. exhaustion
big tobacco
the bad influence of *Gossip Girl*
the late Estelle Getty
bad weed
home schooling
a Nancy Grace tirade
McDonald's dollar menu
searing gas pain
the Hadron supercollider

10. entering rehab
practicing Zumba
vomiting like there's no tomorrow
undergoing a tax audit
upgrading a cell phone plan
sponsoring a highway
denying the Holocaust
dating David Duchovny
inked to be in the new *Batman*
no longer her client

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